

Fort Sumter National Monument  
Charles Pinckney National Historic Site



# **2012-2013 Educational Opportunity Catalog**

Including:  
Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Liberty Square, and Charles Pinckney Site

The National Park Service in Charleston strives to offer a broad spectrum of educational opportunities for students ranging from site visits and on-site programming, to ranger visits in the classroom. All of our programs are based on South Carolina Academic Curriculum Standards. Age suggestions accompany each program and the standards that each program covers are available upon request.

## How to schedule a program:

***In-Classroom Programs*** will be scheduled from October 7, 2012 to March 14, 2013. A minimum of **two weeks** notice is needed for scheduling of all programs and are available to the following school districts: Berkeley County, Charleston County, and Dorchester 2 & 4.

***Programs in the Parks*** can be scheduled throughout the academic year, with a minimum **two weeks** notice.

If you are interested in scheduling one of these programs or have questions please contact Sydney Schneider at 843-408-2442 or [Sydney\\_Schneider@nps.gov](mailto:Sydney_Schneider@nps.gov).

**All Programs are FREE!!**

## Rangers In the Classroom

### **Teacher's Choice Talk.....1 hr**

Have you ever wanted the opportunity for a National Park Ranger to come to your classroom and speak with your students? Well, this is your opportunity. This talk allows you to choose from:

*Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie, Charles Pinckney, The Siege of Charleston, or an Introduction to the Parks in the Charleston area.*

The talk is standard but can be customized to fit the needs of your classroom. The one-hour talk will cover the history of the chosen site and allow the students time to ask questions. Site brochures can be provided upon request.

### **Mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century Toys and Games.....1 hr**

Civil War era children did not have computers or television to provide entertainment. Instead they enjoyed toys and games powered only by their imagination. Circle games, singing games, and group activities were enjoyed by all ages. Unlike today, children of different ages played together. This program would allow for a ranger to come to your classroom either in uniform or period dress and teach the students about games and toys from the Civil War Era.

### **The Life and Times .....1 hr**

Students today find it hard to understand what life was like during times of the past. So imagine that you could bring that period of history to your classroom. This program allows a Ranger(s) in period dress to come to the classroom and talk about what life was like during either the Colonial/Revolutionary or Civil War Era.

**(Wednesdays Only)**

### **Weapons Talks .....1 hr**

From the Revolutionary War through World War II, weapons have changed a great deal. This is your opportunity to have a Ranger come and talk to your class regarding the progression and evolution of both small arms and artillery.

## **Rangers In the Classroom**

### **54th Massachusetts Program .....1 hr**

The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment led the historic Union attack onto Battery Wagner which was located on Morris Island at the entrance to Charleston Harbor, July 18, 1863. This is your opportunity to have a ranger come to your classroom dressed in a 54th Massachusetts uniform with accoutrements, and talk to the students about the history of the regiment and African American soldiers throughout the Civil War. A PowerPoint presentation is available upon request.

### **The NPS – An Overview .....1hr**

The National Park Service is a important part of American culture. With 397 sites covering 84 million acres of land, the National Park Service oversees everything from historical sites and monuments to forests and seashores. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a Ranger come and speak with the class about the National Park Service and the iconic uniform that we don. Plus an overview of career opportunities can be included in the presentation. A PowerPoint program is available upon request.

### **Robert Smalls .....1 hr**

The life of Robert Smalls is an inspirational story. May 2012 marks the 150th commemoration of Robert Smalls' heroic escape from slavery in Charleston to the Union blockade beyond Fort Sumter. He continued to help the Union throughout the Civil War. Afterwards, he pursued a career in politics. A Ranger will bring the life and times of Robert Smalls to life in the classroom. This program is presented in PowerPoint format with the option of a small in-class activity afterwards.

## **Programs in the Parks**

### **Military Enlistment ..... 1hr**

Children will have the opportunity to learn about the different experiences of Union, Confederate, and African American soldiers during the Civil War. During the program children will have the opportunity to enlist in the Army, learn how to march, drill, and fire, and learn about the role of children during the Civil War.

**Small arms firing demonstration available:**

**18th Century: Monday –Wednesday & Saturday**

**19th Century: Monday– Wednesday, Friday & Saturday**

**Upon request and weather permitting.**

### **Fort Moultrie Guided Tour .....30-45 mins**

Ranger Led Tours are offered September 1 through May 31 at 9:30, 11:00, 2:00 and 3:30 for groups of 45 students or less. This is an excellent way for students to get to see Fort Moultrie and interact with a National Park Ranger.

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### **History Hunt.....30-45 mins**

Come explore two historic forts and follow the clues to learn more about the 171 years of coastal defense here in Charleston Harbor. This program is a great opportunity to get your students to explore several areas of the fort in a scavenger hunt. Available at Fort Moultrie and